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Deepak Obhrai calls for Ethics Commissioner's resignation as RCMP concludes its investigation into allegations against Obhrai

(Ottawa) Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement after an RCMP investigation cleared him of allegations made by an estranged family member:

"The RCMP has concluded its investigation into allegations against me. The investigation came to the same conclusion as has been stated all along by me. This was a false allegation made arising out of a personal family dispute.

"This is in contrast to the investigation carried out by Ethics Commissioner Bernard J. Shapiro, which was completely unprofessional and very harmful to my broader family relationship. The House Procedure committee had come to the same conclusion when they found the Ethics Commissioner in contempt of Parliament. Now the RCMP's investigation confirmed that the Ethics Commissioner's investigation had no merit.

"I would like to thank the RCMP for conducting the investigation in the most professional manner. I repeat my call for the Ethics Commissioner to resign immediately, so the integrity of the Office of the Ethics commissioner is maintained."

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